

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Masao KONISHI

Art Unit: Not Assigned

Application Serial No.: New application

Examiner: Not Assigned

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SHORT FIBERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, following the first paragraph under "Field of the Invention" please insert:

-- The short fibers produced in accordance with the present invention are intended for use in forming fused molded products as set forth in applicant's prior application no. 09/331,199, hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference. --

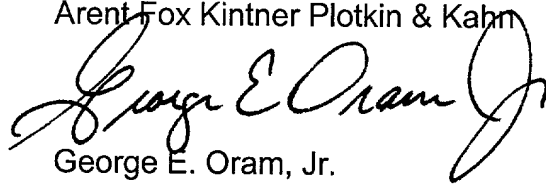
**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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